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## DE SOTO'S NEW COURT HOUSE AND THE OFFICIALS WHO BEGAN THEIR PUBLIC DUTIES TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1915

Men Who Are Able and Trustworthy and Will Give DeSoto An Efficient Public Service That Promises Much.

The accompanying photographs show the likenesses of the various county officials for DeSoto county who have taken charge of their respective positions of public trust.

A majority of DeSoto's officials have been re-elected, and it will not, therefore, be necessary to introduce them into public service. However, it is a matter of great pleasure to call attention to each official specifically, feeling as though a most valid public service has been rendered by the officials of DeSoto, and that there is not a county in all Florida that can properly claim more in the way of public service from officials than can the grand old county of DeSoto.



F. M. COOPER, Senator.

Senator F. M. Cooper, shown in the accompanying photograph, is a hold-over as senator from the 27th senatorial district, comprising DeSoto and Manatee counties. His services will continue as senator during the next term of the legislature, and thereafter until a successor is elected and qualified. Senator Cooper was elected on a "will of the people" platform.



DE SOTO COUNTY'S NEW COURT HOUSE



A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk Circuit Court.

Clerk of Court A. L. Durrance, now serving the latter half of his first term as clerk, has become very popular as a public official, having instituted many improvements in his office that are timely and to the very best interests of the public.



J. L. DISHONG, Sheriff.

Sheriff J. L. Dishong is likewise serving the second half of his first term as sheriff of DeSoto. Sheriff Dishong has been among the most active of DeSoto's officials, and has given unparalleled satisfaction in the discharge of his official duties.



CYRIL BALDWIN, Tax Collector.

Tax Collector Cyril Baldwin, re-elected for the fourth term as tax collector, has long since been recognized as an official of honor, fidelity and trust.



S. T. LANGFORD, Supervisor of Registration.

Supervisor of Registration S. T. Langford, re-elected for the second term, has rendered a very efficient service as a county official. He has given his office personal and prompt attention, and has maintained the same at the very highest standard of efficiency.



JAMES O. BICKLEY, Superintendent Public Instruction.

County Superintendent James O. Bickley, elected to a full term at the last election, takes his seat of office under the most favorable environment and conditions. His first service was to fill the unexpired term of the late W. B. Hare, and during his term of office he has been able to pave the way for a very efficient service. Superintendent Bickley is well qualified for his position, and a most valid service will be expected.



W. D. BELL, County Judge.

County Judge W. D. Bell is also serving the latter half of his first four year term as county judge. His record bespeaks for himself a valid service as a judicial officer, and has added much to his already well earned popularity throughout the county of DeSoto.



H. G. MURPHY, Tax Assessor.

Tax assessor H. G. Murphy also re-elected for the fourth term as tax assessor, numbered among the most popular public officials of DeSoto. The promptness and accuracy of his official work has added laurels to his renown.



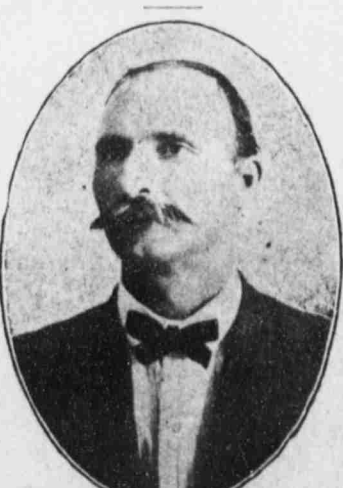
H. L. CARLTON, County Treasurer.

County Treasurer H. L. Carlton, elected for a second term as county treasurer, has the entire confidence of the people of DeSoto as a young man of sterling worth and honor.



JAMES CARLTON, County Surveyor.

County Surveyor James Carlton is one of the trustworthy and reliable citizens of DeSoto, and has been faithful and true to the duties imposed in his office.



F. B. MCCLELLAND, Chairman County School Board.

Hon. F. B. McClelland, chairman of the board of public instruction, was re-elected as a member of the board at the last general election. He is an efficient school man, and his continuous re-election to this important position is sufficient proof of his efficient services.

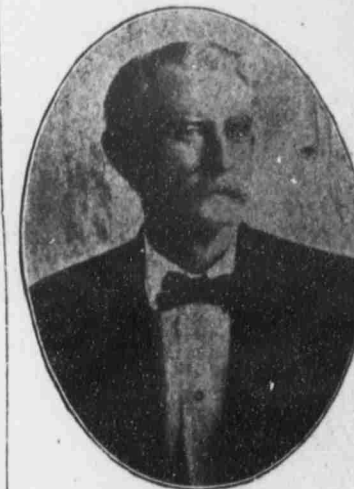
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, of Pine Level, were in the city Tuesday. Mrs. Jenkins left on the morning train for Punta Gorda, where she will visit with friends for a few days.



S. B. HOGAN,

Member County School Board.

Hon. S. B. Hogan, re-elected from the northern district of the county, has given to the county an able and efficient service on the school board. All those who know him expect him to continue to render an able and painstaking service.



H. A. WEAR,

Member County School Board.

Hon. H. A. Wear, re-elected from the southern district of the county as a member of the board, has enjoyed a long and trustworthy career as an important factor in the educational circles of this section.



W. L. WHITEHURST,

Chairman Board County Commissioners. Hon. W. L. Whitehurst, also a newly elected member of the board of commissioners, is no stranger to the duties that will be imposed, as he has formerly served a very efficient career in this capacity. He is a man of high character and staunch integrity, and his former service as a member of the board bespeak for him the guarantee of a successful career.

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### GARIBALDI'S GRANDSON KILLED IN BATTLE.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Another son of General Risobotti Garibaldi, and grandson of the great Italian patriot, has been killed in action, according to a semi-official note issued last night. The French war minister has sent condolences to the family.

Lieutenant Bruno Garibaldi was killed while leading a charge of Italian volunteers against the Germans in the Argonne district in France.

MISS DODGE LEFT \$1,200,000 TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

New York, Jan. 6.—Miss Grace Hoadley Dodge, the philanthropist who died in this city last December, left more than \$1,200,000 to public and religious institutions under her will, filed yesterday for probate. Requests include \$500,000 each to the teachers' college of Columbia University and the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States.

### ATLANTA MAN SUICIDES EARLY TODAY.

Atlanta, Jan. 6.—Walter Burdett, aged 29, suicided on the roof of a building on West Baker street early today. He fled from the officers wanting him on the charge of automobile stealing. He fired twice at the officers.

### \$500,000 OF SUPPLIES FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.

New York, Jan. 6.—The steamship Hannan sailed for Rotterdam yesterday with a \$500,000 cargo of food and clothing contributed by people of Kansas for the relief of destitute Belgians.

Read the News advertisements.

### ANOTHER BANK IN OKLAHOMA ROBBED.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 6.—The cashier and several other employees of the First National Bank of Owasso, Okla., were held up and the bank robbed by two bandits yesterday. More than \$1,200 in silver was secured.

In the hurry to escape one sack containing \$500 was dropped. The robbers fired several shots at citizens who attempted to intercept them as they flew away.

### INJURED BY GUN THAT "WASN'T LOADED."

Clearwater, Jan. 6.—The thirteen-year-old son of John Murphy, of Bellair, was struck over the right temple above the eye with a stray shot from a shot gun fired by a boy in a vacant lot nearby yesterday. Nothing serious is expected from the wound. The boy was playing with the gun and didn't know it was loaded.